



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Condor Express Fire**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – March 11, 2013**

At 4:10 p.m. on March 9, 2013, 911 dispatchers received multiple calls reporting a boat fire near the Sea Landing in the Santa Barbara Harbor. Harbor Patrol Boat 3, SB City Engine 6, Engine 1 and Truck 1 with Battalion Chief 712 were on the initial dispatch. With smoke visible from a long distance away, Battalion 712 requested 2 additional engine companies to respond. Harbor patrol officers on Boat 3 were the first to arrive on scene at the Sea Landing and found a fire onboard the Condor Express. Harbor Patrol officers immediately began a firefighting operation from their vessel. An off-duty San Francisco firefighter assisted with initial fire attack on the 75 foot vessel by utilizing a wet-standpipe fire hose from the dock. Santa Barbara City Fire resources arrived and advanced additional hand lines to complete the fire knockdown at 4:21 p.m. The fire was contained to a second deck interior cabin and navigation area. Firefighters remained on scene for 90 minutes to complete overhaul of the fire area and to assist Santa Barbara City Fire and Coast Guard fire investigators with determining cause and origin of the fire. This fire remains under investigation.



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